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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director - General of Foreign Trade has any scheme to financially assist the exporters to increase their research activities;

(b) whether Indian exporters do not have adequate research facilities or institutions;

(c) whether the role of DGFT is not satisfactory in this direction;

(d) if so, the present role of the DGFT with regard to giving excellent market information and trends; and

(e) the steps propose to expand the role of DGFT in the area of research to assist exporters?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (e) : The Government has announced a scheme to allow duty free imports of laboratory equipments, chemicals and re-agents for R&D purposes to drugs and pharmaceuticals, agro chemicals and bio-technology sector. The basic objective of the scheme is to promote research and development in these new economic areas. The scheme shall be operated through the notification issued by Department of Revenue and no licence shall be required from DGFT.The market information and trends in exports is being provided by various export promotion councils dealing with the export products. However, it has been decided to setup a business-cum-trade facilitation centre and trade portal in order to build up a comprehensive information base and ease access to relevant information for the exporters and importers